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A clearinghouse of information regarding energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies, programs and public-private partnerships.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Studies show buildings consume 40% of all energy used in the United States.

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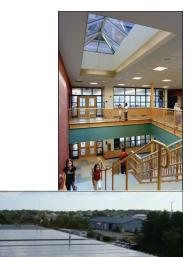


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Benefits of Being a Green Community

- Shrink energy costs in municipal and school buildings.
- Foster clean energy technologies.
- Curtail greenhouse gas emissions.
- Promote energy-efficient construction of homes, businesses, municipal and school buildings.
- Access Green Community Grant funds to make your city or town even greener.
- Being a great place to live, work and play.

How to "Green - Up" Your Buildings

- Get an energy audit: DOER will help communities benchmark their buildings and audit those that are underperforming.
- Install programmable thermostats to more efficiently control room temperatures.
- Upgrade fluorescent lamps from T12 to T8 to reduce lighting energy use by up to 30%.
- Consider renewable energy when undergoing renovations or new construction.

DOER's Green Communities Division

The Green Communities Division offers a full range of initiatives and services to cities and towns on the path to becoming Green Communities. These include:

Energy Audit Program (EAP)

The EAP serves to enchance building efficiency by benchmarking energy use in municipally-owned and operated buildings and conducting in-depth audits on buildings with the greatest need to improve their energy performance. DOER will coordinate the benchmarking and audit processes with utility companies.

Call 617-626-7341 or EAP@state.ma.us

MassEnergyInsight

MassEnergyInsight is an easy-to-use, web-based tool that benchmarks the energy performance of all municipally owned and operated buildings, as well as street lights and vehicles. Launched in early 2010, the program is free to all cities and towns.

Contact Eileen McHugh at 617-626-7305 or Eileen.McHugh@state.ma.us

Energy Management Services Technical Assistance (EMS)

Energy management services can be an effective tool for cities and towns looking to implement significant energy savings measures without upfront capital. EMS is a type of performance contracting through which guaranteed energy savings pay for the cost of installing the energy efficiency measures. DOER can assist communities in all aspects of EMS program development, including reviewing procurement documents.

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Green Communities Grant and Loan Program

In accordance with the Green Communities Act, up to \$10 million per year is available for qualifying communities to implement significant energy-efficiency measures, construct large renewable energy projects, or pursue other innovative projects to reduce their fossil fuel energy consumption.

Regional Coordinators in the Field

There are four Green Community Coordinators throughout the state, offering technical assistance and support to public officials and local energy committees. This is to help communities understand all the opportunities and tools available.